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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2003, set forth therein, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-13 and 16-62, with traverse, for substantive examination.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for the above-referenced patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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